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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

\*. We wonder how long it will be before Maj. Robbins joins in another joint debate.

\*. President Butler will address the citizens of Vance county at Henderson on the 18th of April. A large crowd will be present.

\*. We agree with the Cincinnati Herald when it says that the Standard Oil Company is "going to wink the other eye a while."

\*. The very latest is a big lumber trust in Georgia with a capital of \$20,000,000. The farmers will have to form a trust in self-defense.

\*. One of our Western exchanges wants to know what has become of W. S. Hall. We were just ready to ask that question. Where is he?

\*. President Marion Butler will speak at Goldsboro on Saturday, April 16th, at 10 o'clock. Let everybody turn out and hear the gifted young orator.

\*. Out of every \$10 of wealth created, the wage worker gets one dollar and twenty cents. It may not be out of place to remark that "that is what is hurting Hannah."

\*. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is a little late again this week on account of the breaking down of the press engine mentioned last week. We hope to be on time next issue.

\*. It is a satisfaction to know that the St. Louis platform has something in it worth abusing. Most of the political platforms are so meaningless that you can't even "cuss" 'em.

\*. The Fort Worth, Texas, Advance remarks that "Legalized robbery is more dangerous than highway robbery, because the robbed are robbed of their ability to prosecute the robbers."

\*. "Does the gentleman yield?" is a favorite interrogation in Washington. If he "yields" the thing is patched up and two or three go to the "House restaurant" to be "laid up for repairs."

\*. The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Democrat has blood in his eye for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. He says he is not afraid of the devil, or words to that effect. Will he discuss the issues?

\*. The Alliance Echo is the name of a new reform paper just started at Monroeville, Chatham county, by Bro. J. S. Spence. The first number is a very interesting issue, and it should meet with success.

\*. We suppose some of our exchanges oppose financial reform because they are making a good thing out of mortgage sale advertisements. Of course that is a supposition, but not an unreasonable one.

\*. Referring to the numerous reports about the Alliance "splitting up," "going all to pieces," the Topeka Advocate calls on the political papers to keep it posted. Says it "wouldn't miss a split for anything."

\*. The free coinage William having been laid on the shelf our rich, rare and nifty Congressmen are clawing the

air about the free wool William. Meantime the William goats still eat tin cans and play over the barn roof.

\*. And now Jay Gould has joined the "calamity howlers," that is, one wing. He says his railroads in Texas have yielded him \$101,348, less during the past twelve months than for the twelve months previous. He blames the railroad commission. The people are getting too poor to ride on your roads, Jay, and they are not buying as many goods as they formerly did, thereby cutting down freights. That is the trouble, Jay.

\*. A shower of mud fell in Kansas Wednesday. It covered windows and sides of buildings. Wonder if the plutocrats haven't got Jerry Rusk and his rain machine at work trying to cover up the masses with mud.

\*. The present glorious and great Congress has decided to spend \$20,000,000 on rivers and harbors, and \$32,000,000 on public buildings. This is only a beginning, of course there is no "class legislation" in any of that.

\*. In this "free wool" discussion now going on at Washington we don't see where the sheep comes in. They don't even say "the lion and lamb shall lie down together." We believe they are talking about goat wool anyhow.

\*. The Charlotte Observer has a column headed, "Presidential Rumors." It has been "rumored" that Harrison, Blaine, Cleveland and Hill all want to be President. The people say, however, that Wall street men "are not in it."

\*. Some people think North Carolina is rather slow in Alliance matters. That may be true, but she gets there just the same. Our people don't go wild and flash brilliantly, then go out. We are as far along politically as any other State, too.

\*. We wish to see the benefit of Senator Vance that it is decidedly "unconstitutional" for a man to stay in the Senate a whole term and do nothing. If you don't believe it, just read the form of oath taken at the beginning of the session.

\*. "A house divided against itself will fall." Four members of the Democratic Executive Committee were refused admittance at one session of their meeting in this city last Thursday. Certainly it is none of our business, but wasn't it kinder funny?

\*. At a recent meeting of Brinkleyville Alliance, No. 88, Halifax county, a resolution was passed directing the Progressive Farmer for members who are unable to pay for it. That is a commendable plan, and would do the Order good if adopted generally.

\*. "Harmonized Melodies" is a large musical publication, by Charles D. Blake, published monthly by F. Trifet, Boston, Mass., at \$3 per annum. It contains a great variety of new and old music, with words. It seems to us that those in need of music can do no better than subscribe for this work.

\*. The county meetings will be held throughout the State on the 14th and 15th. The indications are that a larger membership will be represented than for several months past. We trust that much good work will be done. It is important that the St. Louis platform be discussed from every standpoint.

\*. There is no need of legislation in favor of banks, or money men of any kind. Men who are brainy enough to make money and manipulate it, are always able to take care of themselves. It is the weak and ignorant that need legal protection. The strong need no defense. But the weak do need help and need it bad.

\*. After seeing the number of mortgage sales advertised and the number of farms advertised to be sold for taxes, we can't help thinking how prosperous the country is getting to be. We have decided that instead of tearing their hair out to devise a scheme to beat the Alliance, the politicians better be studying up a remedy.

\*. The St. Louis Globe Democrat is in favor of disfranchising the working class. Says no man who is worth less than a hundred thousand dollars should be allowed to vote. Freemen of America, what do you think of that? Remember that the Globe Democrat is a leading mouthpiece of plutocracy and speaks with authority.

\*. The Indian who, told by the white man that feathers made a soft bed, took one and, after laying on it all night, got up and said "white man heap big liar," would make a fit companion to the man who declares the reform movement is a failure because Jerry Simpson has not brought financial prosperity to the country, says the Iowa Farmers' Tribune.

\*. The Southern Tobacco Journal says that the incomes of the Dukes of Durham from their interest in the American tobacco last year was \$175,000 for each of the four. Also that Col. Buck Duke pays \$1,800 for a room

at the San Remo hotel in New York. Ben Duke pays \$1,400 for rooms at the same hotel when he goes up on a visit. Th farmers foot the bill, however.

\*. Hill has made speeches in the South. There was nothing in them, but the verdant politicians and lick spittles supposed they were loaded and that Hill would be the next President. The idea of a man like Hill filling an office once held by Washington! But the Alliance press has told the people that Hill is a fraud. As Fairbrother would say, "that ends it."

\*. Talking about "flat money," we want to know how much flat there is in the money that national banks issue. On such money you read: "The national bank of \_\_\_\_\_ will pay \$5 to the bearer on demand." Of course it is secured by bonds deposited with the United States Treasurer. But what is behind the bonds except "a promise to pay?" "Give us an honest dollar."

## ONCE MORE.

Once more we give notice that calls for political meetings, recommendations for various offices, etc., cannot be published in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER. We are constantly getting such things from the Republican Tariff League, Democratic documents and People's party men. We cannot and will not publish them.

## HINTS TO YOUNG MEN.

A very valuable and interesting little pamphlet with the above title has been issued by the University. It contains practical suggestions how to get an education, what to study, and how to become speedily fitted for law, medicine, journalism, teaching, business or agriculture. Any one can obtain a copy by addressing President Winston, Chapel Hill, N. C.

## BEAUTIFUL SONG BOOK.

Two of the most gifted, consecrated and effective workers in the Alliance cause are Prof. Henri Fairweather, the noted singer, and his bosom companion: they have left their home and have dedicated their whole time and God-given musical talent to the cause. They have published a book, "Songs of the People," price 25 cents, and a song with chorus entitled, "Linked Evermore, the Grey and the Blue." Dedicated to L. L. Polk Esq., President of the Nat. F. A. and I. U., in remembrance of old soldiers greeting, Los Angeles, Oct. 19th, 1891. Price 25 cents. Both for sale at this office.

## A DARK PLOT.

The Great West, published at St. Paul, Minn., contains an account of a dark plot that is being exposed in the Northwest now.

The "Anglo American Trust Company," which is a new name for a political party—Republican—has placed orders with the "International Advertising Bureau," of Chicago for \$50,000 worth of advertising to be placed with reform papers, each paper to get \$1,000 each. Four or five of them are prohibition papers. The "advertising" is articles to be published as editorials against the Alliance. They are to be ingenious arguments against the platform.

We are glad to state that the papers that have received these offers, with one exception, are promptly laying the whole scheme bare. Oh, what want these old rotten parties resort to?

## CAN IT BE TRUE?

An observant travelling man who was in this office a few days ago, said that he had been over a good portion of this State and South Carolina, and so far as he could see there is but a small reduction in the cotton acreage. Some have reduced it very much, but others have been clinging to the idea that there will be a rise in prices.

We hope our friend is mistaken. We do not believe in the over-production theory. There never has been, nor never will be an over-production of cotton, corn, wheat, oats, wool, meat or anything of the kind. There never will be an "over-production" of anything that requires labor to produce. There may be an over-production of fools, of liars, of rascals. But anything that requires honest labor, will be rather short at all times.

At this time it is a condition rather than a theory that confronts us. Our people must raise something to eat and wear. Under-consumption, instead of over-production, is ruining prices. That is the reason 17,000,000 cotton spindles are standing idle in England, and most of the mills in the United States are running on half time. The man with plenty of grain, meat, cattle, hay cannot be starved. It must come to that. Unless our farmers prepare for the emergency, they will be ruined. Cotton may not bring 4 cents next fall. Tobacco will be very low. Then why try to raise so much of them and risk starving yourself and family?

The Progressive Farmer from now until Nov. 15th for 50 cents. Make up your Clubs.

## MIGHTY LITTLE CONFIDENCE.

A few days ago a gentleman who has been a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee for fourteen years, made a remark that shows how little confidence sensible people have in modern politicians. The presidential question was being discussed. One of the gentlemen remarked that if the Third party run a candidate that the election possibly might be thrown into the House, which, being Democratic by two thirds, would, of course, elect a free coinage Democrat. The member of the Executive Committee said he had doubts about that. "According to the recent vote on the silver bill he believed a majority of the Congressmen would vote for Harrison or any other gold-bug." A bad state of affairs.

## THE KANSAS VOTE.

There has been a good deal of contention about the number of votes cast in Kansas last election. Below we give the official figures for the two last elections.

	1890.	1891.
Republican vote	120,969	89,429
Democratic vote	55,873	31,601
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People's party vote	186,842	160,717
	115,933	112,480
	292,775	273,197

According to official returns the People's party gained more votes than the proportion of decrease suffered by the other two parties. The Republican vote in 1891 was 31,540 less than cast in 1890. Democratic vote 1891 was 24,272 less while the People's party polled only 3,453 less.

## THE BEST YET.

We have thought that some of the reform books would never be beaten, but we are disappointed. "Bondholders and Bread winners," by S. S. King, Esq., is just out. It is a portrayal of the political crimes that have been committed during the past 25 years, in the name of liberty. It tells how the crimes have been perpetrated and how the people have been robbed. It gives facts and figures never published before. It gives diagrams showing how the wealth is distributed, and the sections where most of it now is. It tells about the workings of banks, railroads, the tariff and many other things. It is a book that everybody ought to read. It costs only 25 cents, which is remarkably cheap for such a book. Best of all, it gives the best way to change these conditions. Send 25 cents to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and get it.

## THE CHINESE EXCLUDED.

The Geary bill to exclude the Chinese from the United States, passed the House last week. This bill prevents their coming to this country, and all who are here now cannot return if they once leave the country. We don't know whether this is right or not. One thing is certain, there can be no more missionary work done in China by American missionaries while this law is in force.

There ought to have been another clause in the bill directing that about two-thirds of the members of the Senate and House be sent to China, never to again be allowed citizenship in the United States, for they are doing the country more harm than the dirty Chinamen. The pauper Chinamen are a great evil in some parts of the country, but our Congress and Senate, by class legislation and by failing to legislate, have created a hundred American paupers to each one of the Chinese paupers that are giving us trouble.

Right on top of all this Baron Hirsch, a Russian who has made his millions and created paupers to do it, is now trying to bring a hundred thousand Russian Jews into North Carolina. They are a low type of humanity at best, and since the Baron and his "set" have made paupers out of them, drained the last cent, they are now ready to foist them on our people.

## NOW WE SEE IT.

Some years ago the mechanics in the cities of the north began to organize. It gradually spread all over the country. Down South the organization—Knights of Labor was not a success. Naturally the rich men of the North opposed the organization. Pinkerton detectives hounded the men. The big papers, the organs of the leading plutocrats, gave the organization a very bad name. Of course there was intemperance men and visionary schemers among them, but the great mass were honest. Powderly was vilified beyond measure.

The casual reader naturally supposed from reading the reports that Powderly was a rascal and that his followers were anarchists. Since that time the truth has gradually dawned on the thinking people of the country. Powderly is a reformer, he is honest, brave, self-sacrificing. Perhaps a few rascals and unreasonable anarchists fell into the ranks, but the order has

been purged. To-day it is apparent that the mechanics and city laborers organized none too soon. Had they not their condition to-day would have been worse than ever negro slaves endured.

It is self defense that has induced the mechanics and farmers to organize. They must stand together, vote together, suffer together and die together.

## THE SUB-TREASURY QUESTION.

The Southern Planter, of Richmond, Va., an old and able agricultural paper of the class that believes in "more over-production," says editorially that if the farmers will abandon the Sub-Treasury scheme good citizens, without regard to avocation, will be found helping them to put down politicians and place hunters.

Until 1889 the Sub-Treasury was not a part of the Alliance platform. Prior to that time the organization was not feared as much as it now is. But even then the farmers were insulted and scoffed at by these very people. Their organization was detestable and dispicable. If the Alliance should abandon the Sub-Treasury these malignant fiends would pursue it just the same. If every plank of the platform was stricken out and as many verses from the Bible inserted the row would continue. It is the work of the devil and can't be stopped until the last mother's son of them are reformed back and crushed beneath a load of the contempt that they so richly merit. If the editor of the Southern Planter did not wear his heart in his boot leg instead of his left breast where it ought to be, he would be in the fight rather than be standing on the other side trying to get the farmer further enslaved so that the work of robbery can be entirely completed.

Before we would conduct an agricultural paper and play into the hand of plutocracy as some of them are doing, we would hold up trains, rob blind women or do something mean, taking care that the public should not be blinded by contemptible hypocrisy forever.

## THEIR LAST WORDS.

What Some of our Great Editors and Politicians Said a Little While Before They Expired.

"Where are the leaders?" This is the question of the hour. The news papers are ringing with it. But there is no response. The leaders do not materialize. Livingston and Moses have gone to Georgia, but nobody comes to North Carolina. "The prophets, where are they?"—J. P. Caldwell, in the Charlotte Observer, April 6th.

"That then is to be the use the Conference is to be put to. They are to meet here to aid in forcing on the Democratic State Convention the objectionable St. Louis demands."—Capt. S. A. Ashe, in News and Observer, April 7th.

"But we greatly regret to read in the same circular that a new test of loyalty has apparently been prescribed for Alliancemen. They must now, 'under no circumstances compromise or back down from the St. Louis demands.' And this is what we regret to read."—T. R. Jernigan, in State Chronicle, April 7th.

But it is "singing psalms to a dead horse" to try to appeal to men who will not think, who have lost their memories and all the dark past is forgotten, and who are blind or wilfully shut their eyes and will not see."—Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, L. L. L. D., in Wilmington Messenger, April 6th.

But the Free Press would urge upon those of its Alliance readers, who are amenable to reason, the necessity of considering carefully before following extreme leaders wherever they may lead. The only hope of any reform in the national government is through conservative influences controlling."—W. S. Herbert, in Kinston Free Press, April 7th.

"But let us hope and trust that the patriotism and manhood of our common South clime may be sufficiently powerful to thwart the schemes of the traitorous hand of this disloyal son."—J. O. Foy, in Twin City Daily, April 7th.

"It is almost midnight. At midnight the giant Democracy will arise, shake himself and take the gates of the city Gaza, posts, bars and all, and carry them away."—J. B. Sherrill, in Concord Times, April 7th.

"Polk's paper loves to empty the vials of its wrath upon your correspondent, who is quite ready for any combat it may desire, and who fears neither of those 'Giants Despair'—'Calamity Howler' or 'Bilkins.' The paper wants more 'Calamity Howlers.' Heaven knows there are enough and to spare in North Carolina now, enough to curse any State. If they would work more and talk less and stick to the old faith they and their State would be better off."—Col. Farmers Alliance Oids, in the Charlotte Democrat, April 8th.

## RULING.

W. J. G.—Q. Is a woman whose husband does not belong to the Alliance eligible to join?

Ans.—If the husband is eligible to join the wife can join, even though the husband has not joined.

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## FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

While it is important that all State offices be filled by the right kind of men, there is no one that the people are more interested in than that of Attorney-General. It is a responsible position, there being both honor and money to the official himself. Not only that, but the people look to the Attorney-General for protection and aid in carrying on the State Government, hence the importance of having a capable, honest man. It is not our purpose to suggest any man for the office, but merely to mention the matter so that people can be thinking about it.

Some say that it is not absolutely necessary for every office to be filled by a man in favor of reform. This is a mistake. Every time you elect a plutocrat to any office you retard reform, for every man who is prominent enough to be elected to an important office has some purpose, much influence. This will be used against reform. But the man need not be a member of a reform organization. Find out whether or not his heart is on the right side, see what his record has been in the past.

## GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

We copy the following very logical article from the Missouri World in answer to "how the government can get control of the railroads:

"A subscriber asks how the government would proceed to get possession of the railroads. We do not understand that favoring government ownership means the immediate purchase of all the railway lines in the United States. The Pacific roads which are practically owned by the government now, could be taken charge of and operated as an experiment. Then any important new lines needed could be constructed by the government. Gradually it could be done without burdening the people; the existing railroads could be bought at a price agreed upon or fixed by commissioners and approved by Congress. With a few through lines owned by the government and operated so as to cover cost of running and repairs, the companies would be anxious to sell at a reasonable price. In case the company owning a road the government desired to buy declined to sell, then under the same right of eminent domain that the railroad companies now take land against the owner's wishes, the government would take the railroads, paying therefor of course a reasonable price. The government now frequently exercises the right of eminent domain by condemning sites for public buildings. The whole railroad system could probably be absorbed by the United States in twenty years without issuing bonds or increasing tax burdens."

There is no doubt about the ability of the government to buy the railroads on this plan. And there is as much law for the government to exercise the right of eminent domain in this case as it has in the "eminent domain land cases."

## MORE CALAMITY HOWLING.

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has published from time to time the opinions of great men who have been guilty of calamity howling. Every week we publish the opinions of people, not prominent, but thinking people, who are calamity howlers.

Hon. David Davis, at one time President of the United States Senate, said: "The Republican and Democratic parties are both controlled by monopolists, and neither dare assert the will or policy of its constituents."

Henry Ward Beecher said on one occasion: "Our legislatures have been bought and sold till we think no more of it than the buying and selling of so many cattle and sheep in the market. Monopoly is a danger compared with which slavery was a small danger."

Recently, the editor of Kate Field's Washington, a thinking woman, speaking of the Alliance said:

"Even though the forms the movement takes at first are crude, their essence is substantial, and a class of men who have heretofore let politics almost alone are coming to feel their own strength. History has told us what that means; and experience warns us that it will be wiser to open a few straight channels for the coming flood than to try to dam it with obstructions which will only increase its force when it finally sweeps them away."

The great divine, T. DeWitt Talmage, said in a recent sermon:

"The greatest war the world has ever seen is now going on between capital and labor. The middle classes, who have hitherto held the balance of power and acted as mediator between the two extremes, are diminishing, and at the present rate, we will soon have no middle classes, for all will be very rich or very poor, and we will be divided between princes and paupers, between palaces and hovels. Monopoly has the Republican party in one pocket and the Democratic party in the other pocket."

[NOTE. How much difference is there in the words of Dr. Talmage and that of Col. Polk? Both seem to be "howling" on the same line.—EDITOR.]

## THE BEST.

A few days since a prominent farmer of Wake county came into the State Agent's office to buy fifteen tons of Alliance official guano. He was asked how he liked it. He said he had used it ever since it was made, and considered it worth a third more than any fertilizer on the market, and he had used dozens of the best brands.